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TO AMERICAN TEACHERS.

The Department of Education is glad to offer an opportunity to the American teachers on the Island to take a course in Spanish under official supervision and with such assistance as it may be possible for us to render from this office. While the work is not required, the Department strongly recommends that all American teachers avail themselves of the opportunity to pursue a definite and practical course in Spanish. Individual instructors cannot be provided by the Department, but books will be furnished without charge and special advice or assistance will be given at any time when desired by any teacher. At the close of the year examinations will be given and all teachers who pass the examinations with a good standing will receive from the Department a certificate to that effect.

Two courses are provided: an Elementary Course, which should be taken by all new teachers and others who have not passed an elementary examination given by the Department, using as a text-book "Spanish Simplified", by Augustín Knoflach. This is a practical little book which can be covered in six or seven months and which will

give the student a fairly complete knowledge of rudimentary Spanish.

The higher course, in which may be enrolled teachers who are recommended by the Superintendent as being able to take more advanced work in the language, will use as a text-book "A Practical Course in Spanish", by Monsanto and Languellier. This book, which covers very completely the study of Spanish grammar and language, can hardly be completed in one school year. It is presumed, however, that teachers who undertake this work will be sufficiently familiar with the language to enable them to pass rapidly over the first part of the book. The examination given by the Department will cover the latter part of the book from Lesson 33 to Lesson 55, inclusive.

Respectfully,

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